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Public Hearings Set for Master Plan Elements

Speakers Can Sign Up for Sept. 13 Mayor and Council Meeting

Public hearings on the Municipal Growth and Water Resources elements of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan will be held before the Mayor and Council on Monday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

The Municipal Growth and Water Resources elements are new requirements of the state. Every municipality in Maryland that has planning authority is required to adopt these technical elements into its master plan. More information on state requirements for local master plans can be found on Maryland Department of Planning website at www.mdp.state.md.us/OurWork/CompPlans/Requirements.shtml.

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In Brief

The Municipal Growth Element delineates future growth areas in the City and assesses the impacts of projected growth on public services and infrastructure such as police, fire and emergency medical services, schools, libraries and parks, as well as water and sewer facilities.

The Water Resources Element requires that municipalities identify drinking water resources to meet the needs that arise from projected growth. Areas that receive water and wastewater treatment must be identified. The element must also address water resource protection, ground water resources, water quality standards and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) – the maximum amount of pollutant a body of water can receive.

IF YOU GO:

WHAT: Public hearings on Municipal Growth and Water Resources elements WHEN: Monday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. WHERE: City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

The Planning Commission approved the revised documents (available at www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/elements/index.html) with separate resolutions for each element at its July 28 meeting. The commission held a public hearing and three work sessions in June and July.

Testimony may be submitted for Mayor and Council review by e-mail to mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov (provide your full name and address); by mail to City Clerk, City of Rockville, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD, 20850; or in person at the Sept. 13 public hearings.

For more information on the Municipal Growth Element, call Manisha Tewari, planner, at 240-314-8213 or e-mail mtewari@rockvillemd.gov. For information on the Water Resources Element call Mark Charles, Chief of Environmental Management, at 240-314-8870 or e-mail mcharles@rockvillemd.gov.